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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR THE MUTUAL AUTHENTICATION  
OF COMPONENTS IN A NETWORK USING THE CHALLENGE-  
RESPONSE METHOD

Group A.U.: 2135

Examiner: P. W. Klimach

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 21, 2004,  
Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified  
application be amended as follows.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of  
claims beginning on page two of this paper.

Remarks begin on page seven of this paper.